

Reaching children **FOR CHRIST**

But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.” — Matt. 19:14



Expansion Ministries, Inc., is endeavoring to obey Jesus’ command by reaching out to predominantly low-income Latino children. The LWML Texas District is helping with the E-Kids After School Program mission grant. The program seeks to help children meet their spiritual, physical and intellectual needs.

This is happening in two Dallas-area apartment complexes, where they help kids with their homework and provide afterschool activities and snacks. They also build trust with parents and extended families, which leads to an opportunity to teach biblical principals and LCMS

doctrine to the children. The goal is to draw them closer to Jesus and His saving grace, and bring the family to worship at a Lutheran church in the area.

Expansion Ministries, Inc., also holds special activities for the children, including back-to-school day, a movie night and a kids-day fiesta. Thanksgiving, Christmas and Mother’s Day are also celebrated.

The support of LWML Texas District through mites is greatly appreciated, as we use them to further God’s kingdom.

Joy Cowan
Vice-President of Gospel Outreach



LWML 39th Biennial Convention

- June 24-27
- Lexington, Ky.



For updated information on the convention schedule, be sure to visit lwml.org/2021-convention or contact either your zone president or President Frances at president@lwmltxdist.org.

Convention attendees’ objectives will be to focus on Jesus through God’s Word and Sacrament, joyfully celebrate our salvation with song and prayer, and serve our neighbors through witness and mission. Lutheran Women in Mission have a heart for sharing Jesus’ sacrifice, and with the Holy Spirit’s guidance, we will be “Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus.”

WANTED: Nominations for district officers

It is time to start looking for those women who have a heart for the Lord and could serve as an LWML district officer. Look around, take notice at any activities or events your group or zone is able to host. You do not even have to ask them if they are interested.

Information on officer positions to be filled, along with the nominating form has been shared with zones and groups and can also be found at lwmltxdist.org. Go to “Committees” and select “Nominating Committee” from the drop-down menu.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we move from the earth’s season of winter into spring, and the church season of Lent into Easter, how can we but not see the hope so magnificently displayed before us. As harsh, cold, dreary days turn to the grass-greening, flower-blooming, tree-budding days of spring, new hope for brighter, sunnier days fill our hearts and minds.

Better yet than these earthly signs that our eyes behold is the

wondrous promise of forgiveness and life eternal for those who call upon the Lord. We can leave behind the dark and gloomy guilt the devil wants us to live in and see — through the blood of Jesus Christ — the hope, promises and unconditional love of our Father.

Let us stand strong in this **HOPE**, knowing we are **Held** by Christ, **Obedient** to **His** calling, **Perfect**ed by His promise and **Encouraged** to share. It is my prayer your hope remains firm as we continue to serve the Lord with gladness.

Frances Molitor
LWML Texas District President



Frances Molitor, left, had the privilege of delivering her first mission grant payment as LWML Texas District president to Aaron Littman, Lutheran Outdoors Ministry of Texas CEO. This grant payment of \$15,000 will fund a mobile rock-climbing wall to be used for the new Urban Base Camp Outreach program. At right is Ann Bamsch, secretary to the president.



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Would you like to leave a legacy?

Are you interested in sharing your faith, blessing your family and impacting ministry with an estate plan or charitable gift?

As a Legacy Deo ambassador, Debbie Curry is available to make estate-planning and charitable-giving presentations to LWML groups, zones and members upon request.

Contact her at debbie.legacydeo@gmail.com to schedule a group or individual presentation.

LWR Ingathering

The Lutheran World Relief Ingathering for Texas will be held in November for all three drop-off sites.

For more information, visit www.lwmltxdist.org/mission-service.

2020-22 Mite Goal

\$377,500

Mites received through January:
\$149,853

Mites still needed to meet goal:
\$227,647

Mission grants paid through January: \$79,850

Please include a remittance form when submitting your mite offerings. Send them to:

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